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# DRINK

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## TWEET AND DRINK

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1101 S. Canal St. 312-435-4600

Sample 10 holiday wines at this organic grocer's Twitter tasting, where wine buyers Doug Bell and Geof Ryan taste and tweet tips from their feed, **@WFMWineGuys** (7-8 p.m.). Want to join in elsewhere? Compare notes with participants at other stores using the hashtag **#WFMWine**. 5-8 p.m.



# DO

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# BUTT OUT

**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT URGES PUFFERS TO KICK THE HABIT—BUT CAN THEY DO IT?**

## MCT

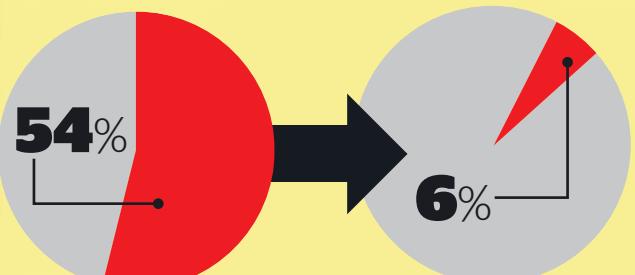
When it comes to quitting smoking, the lungs might be willing but the flesh is weak. A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that while about 69 percent of smokers last year wanted to quit, only about a tenth were able to do so.

Thursday is the Great American Smokeout, when smokers are encouraged to quit for at least one day, and possibly more.

Here is a look at some of the trends in smoking—and quitting.

## 69 PERCENT

Percentage of smokers who wanted to quit in 2010



Percentage who TRIED to quit in 2009

Percentage who ACTUALLY quit in 2009

### WANT TO QUIT?

When broken down by race and ethnicity, different patterns emerge.

**76%**

of blacks  
were interested  
in quitting

**69%**

of whites  
were interested  
in quitting

**61%**

of Latinos  
were interested  
in quitting

### EDUCATION

People who had more education were more likely to try to quit compared to those with less education, and they were more likely to succeed.

**11.4%**

of smokers with an  
undergraduate degree  
were able to quit

**3.2%**

of smokers who had at most  
completed high school were able  
to quit

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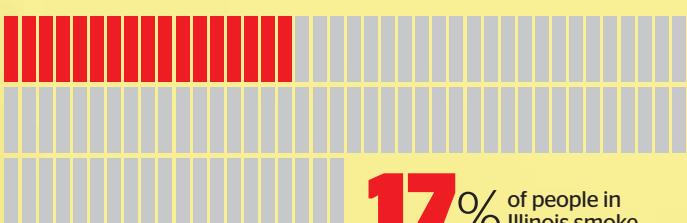
Just under half of study participants who saw  
a healthcare professional said they were advised  
by them to stop smoking.

**32%**

Among current and former smokers who were  
able to quit in the past two years, 31.7 percent used  
counseling, stop-smoking medication or both.

## 47 MILLION

Number of Americans who smoke





# Hannah's bigger than Montana?!



What a twit. I mean tweet!

On Tuesday, Miley Cyrus fired back at the haters who were calling her fat on Twitter. She defended her womanly curves by saying she loved her body and posted a picture of Marilyn Monroe with the caption: "Proof that you can be adored by thousands of men

even when your thighs touch."

I'm proud of Lil Miss Thang. Not because I necessarily agree with her retort, but for an 18-year-old who's had some pretty un-Disneylike slip-ups, the girl really tried to set an example for her 3.5 million Twitter followers.

Miley is not the first celebrity to be called fat by jealous teenagers and, sadly, hateful adults. She's also not the first celebrity to use what I like to call the "I'm Gonna Pretend I'm Not Insecure" defense.

It's 3 basic steps. 1) Post a picture of Marilyn or some other bodacious celeb and make a point of how curvaceous women can still be beautiful; 2) Exclaim how much you love your curves; and 3) State it's much sexier to have the body of a woman instead of a girl.

I find holes in this defense. 1) In actuality, Marilyn was about a size 4, maybe an 8 at her heaviest. Now if you want to caption the picture, "Proof that you can be adored by thousands of men even when you're a thrice-

divorced, insecure, needy drug abuser," I might be able to get on board with you. 2) Curves and fat are two different things. Curves are when you're born with a lovely hourglass figure and your name is Natasha. Fat is when you eat too much. And your name is Brenda. 3) So ... isn't this essentially putting down those girls who are born with naturally slim figures and flat chests? Isn't that a little counter-productive to your message? The one that says we should all love our bodies?

Instead of Marilyn, why not post a picture of Tina Fey? Both Tina and I realize she's not a sex symbol. We're tight like that. But because she's a smart, classy, funny lady, guys adore her. Proof that you can be adored by thousands of men even when they like what you have to say so they're not even looking at your thighs. Miley, stop referring to yourself as curvy and voluptuous. You're a 34B. You sound dumb. And instead of knocking girls who are thin, why not just say, "It's much sexier to have the body of a woman who's going to eat whatever the hell she wants this holiday season!"

A month from now, People will have on its cover "Miley's Dramatic Weight Loss!" And in the interview she'll talk about how she had gotten a little lazy but she started eating right and working out and has never felt better in her new body. Which will probably be a size 0.

People really need to wise up. Miley is not fat. She's pregnant.

**KATIE KILLACKY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR, AND SHE DOESN'T REALLY THINK MILEY IS PREGNANT.**

## TWEET INDEX

HOT RIGHT NOW

### Sexy enough?

Bradley Cooper was named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive on Wednesday. Not everyone agreed. Here's what else was trending Wednesday on Twitter in Chicago.



#SexiestManAlive  
Sexy? Yes. Sexiest? Hm ...



**Google Music**  
Cloud service goes public



**#guycode**  
New MTV2 show

**#girlcode**  
Not a show but still important

## news flash



**“ HOW CAN YOU HAVE [ARGUABLY] THE BEST ALBUM OF 2006 AND JUST QUIT? DUDE IS CRAZY.”**

—Michael Boddie, on RedEye's Facebook wall, responding to Dana Moran's open letter pleading with Justin Timberlake to make music again

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Mayor Emanuel and Budget Chairman Ald. Carrie Austin (34th) answer questions Wednesday after the City Council unanimously passed the mayor's first budget. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**

# Flawless victory

**Mayor's belt-tightening budget skates through City Council**

### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel's budget passed the City Council unanimously Thursday, handing him a major victory in his first year on the job.

The 50-0 vote sets the city down a path next year of fee increases, layoffs of city workers and other belt-tightening measures.

Aldermen time and again said they appreciated the fact that Emanuel's \$6.3 billion plan deals honestly with the city's financial situation rather than "kicking the can down the road." They commended the new mayor for showing a willingness to work with them and compromise—something not often seen during the later years of former Mayor Richard M. Daley's tenure.

Many council members groused about particular parts of the budget during nearly two hours of testimo-

### ALDERMEN OK FAKE POT BAN

The City Council on Wednesday passed a ban on the sale of products that mimic the effects of marijuana. The ordinance, which takes effect next month, does not make it illegal for people to possess the products. But stores selling them could be fined up to \$1,000 or have their licenses revoked. **TRIBUNE**

ny, but in the end all lined up behind the deal.

Ald. Edward Burke (14th) went so far as to say this budget process was the most cooperative he had seen in 42 years on the council.

Emanuel thanked aldermen for making his budget better and for putting "city taxpayers before the city payroll."

### Highlights of the budget

The 2012 city budget that aldermen unanimously passed Wednesday contains numerous fee hikes. Here's a look at some of them.

CATEGORY	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
City sticker (passenger vehicle)*	\$75	\$85
City sticker (large passenger vehicle)*	\$120	\$135
Pickup truck*	\$180	\$200
Large truck*	\$220	\$250
City tax paid by parking lot operators**	\$3	\$5
Hotel tax	15.4%	16.4%

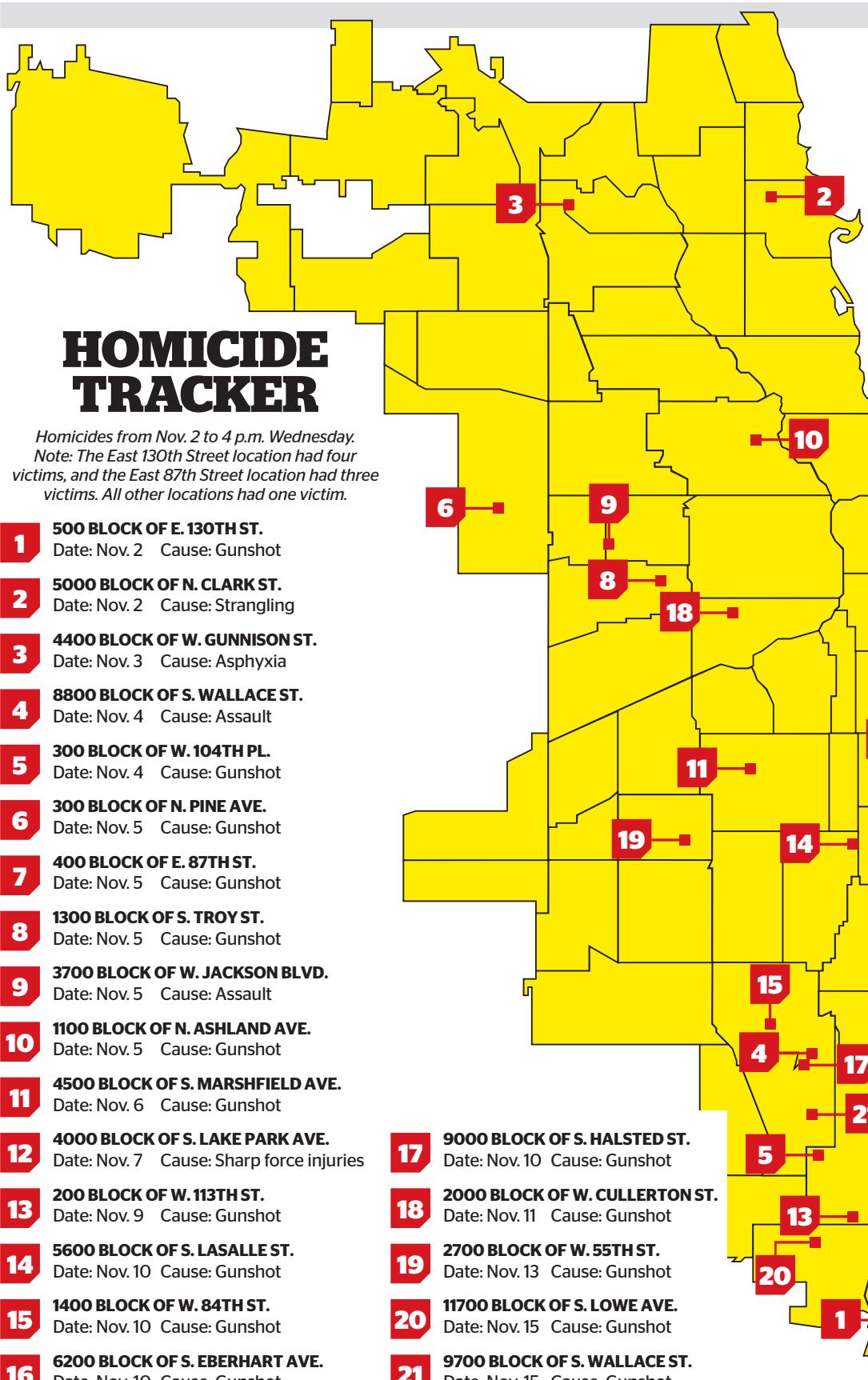
Residents also will pay **higher water bills** to help pay for the city's decaying pipes, catch basins and pumping stations. All told, the increases will more than double the bill for an average single-family home by 2015.

*\*Starting in 2014, the cost of a vehicle sticker will increase every other year by the rate of inflation, capped at 5 percent for each 2-year period.*

*\*\*During weekdays for each vehicle that incurs a parking charge of \$12 or more. The per-week tax will be \$25 and per-month tax will be \$120 when the monthly parking fee is \$400 or more.*

**TRIBUNE**

# Nov. 5: Deadliest day of the year



**5 incidents—including a triple homicide—left 7 people dead**

By Tracy Swartz

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Seven homicides were recorded Nov. 5, making it the deadliest day of the year so far, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

At 2:10 a.m., a 23-year-old man was shot to death in the 1300 block of South Troy Street in North Lawndale, officials said.

About an hour-and-a-half later, a 19-year-old man was fatally shot in the 1100 block of North Ashland Avenue in West Town, according to police.

At about noon, a 34-year-old man was shot to death in the 300 block of North Pine Avenue in Austin, police said.

Nearly two hours later, a man was beaten to death in the 3700 block of West Jackson Boulevard in East Garfield Park, according to officials.

And at 5 p.m., two men and one woman, each 21 years old, were shot to death in the 400 block of East 87th Street in Chatham, police said.

The second-deadliest day of the year was July 29, when six people were fatally shot in separate incidents, RedEye data shows.

Meanwhile, Auburn Gresham, Riverdale and Roseland each have logged more than one homicide this month, according to RedEye data.

In Riverdale, four men were shot to death Nov. 2 in the 500 block of East 130th Street, police said.

In Auburn Gresham, a man was fatally shot in the 1400 block of West 84th Street and a 54-year-old man was shot to death in the 9000 block of South Halsted Street on Nov. 10. Six days earlier, a 55-year-old woman was beaten to death in the 8800 block of South Wallace Street, police said.

In Roseland, a 26-year-old man was shot to death Nov. 9 in the 200 block of West 113th Street, police said. Five days earlier, a 21-year-old man was fatally shot in the 300 block of West 104th Place, according to officials.

Citywide, gunshot homicides have been recorded in the last two weeks in Gage Park, the Lower West Side, New City, Washington Heights, Washington Park, West Pullman and Woodlawn, RedEye data shows.

Meanwhile, a 54-year-old woman was strangled to death Nov. 2 in Uptown; a 47-year-old man died from asphyxia Nov. 3 in Albany Park; and a 39-year-old man died of sharp force injuries Nov. 7 in Oakland, according to officials.

Twenty-seven homicides have been logged so far in November. Police recorded 32 homicides in November 2010, RedEye found.



Rescuers at the scene of a triple homicide Nov. 5 on East 87th Street. ERIC CLARK PHOTO FOR TRIBUNE

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# Bar scene goes high-tech



By Emily Van Zandt

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Need to know how crowded John Barleycorn is right now? Or whether there are more women than men at Vertigo Sky Lounge? How about the average age of patrons at Schoolyard Tavern? If you're in Chicago, there's an app for that.

SceneTap, a mobile and Web application that launched in Chicago in July, uses cameras to gather information for its facial detection software, which provides real-time stats on the age, sex and number of patrons in more than 50 Chicago bars.

While the app does not reveal any identifying information about patrons (no identifying photos or video are posted for the public), anyone can log onto [scenetap.com](http://scenetap.com) to check out statistics on how full a bar is (given as a percentage), the ratio of men to women and the average age of the crowd at bars that have the SceneTap "data detectors" installed by the company.

"That's just sort of the verbiage we like to use so that it doesn't scare people," SceneTap CEO Cole Harper said. "We're not videotaping and no one is viewing the footage. It's truly just eyes for the software."

The software scans images for features it recognizes as faces—eyes, nose, jawline—then draws a circle around that face. It then uses algorithms to determine a person's gender (based on factors such as makeup, hair length and facial features) and an estimated age. Cameras are positioned near entrances.

A recent New York Times article compared the facial recognition technology used by apps such as SceneTap to something out of sci-fi films, but Harper says concerns over privacy have been minor.

"We haven't gotten a whole lot of negative feedback, but we've gotten some questions," Harper said.

For Sharone Mitchell, 28 of Wicker Park, it isn't the SceneTap technology itself that's questionable, but the people who use it.

"It's kind of weird, but it's not like I'm gonna call the ACLU about it," says Mitchell, who works part time as a bar trivia host for his company Chicago Trivia Guys. "But I'd feel like a creep going to a bar based on seeing that there are a lot more girls there."

A facial recognition camera for SceneTap at Timothy O'Toole's. **Lenny Gilmore/REDEYE**

## Court tosses out nightclub case

The Illinois appellate court has thrown out guilty verdicts and jail sentences for the owners of a Chicago nightclub where 21 people were crushed to death in 2003. Dwain Kyles and Calvin Hollins, owners of the E2 nightclub, were found guilty in 2009 and sentenced to two years in prison for violating a judge's order to close the second floor of the club before the stampede.

## Fatal incident on Blue Line

A man died after reportedly jumping in front of a Blue Line "L" train Wednesday on the Near West Side. The incident occurred about 1:30 p.m. on the Blue Line near the Illinois Medical District station, 430 S. Damen Ave., according to a Monroe District police lieutenant. The man was pronounced dead at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County at 1:48 p.m.

## Worker killed at construction site

A construction worker at a South Side demolition site was killed Thursday morning when a piece of a concrete beam fell on him, authorities said. Paramedics and police were called shortly before 9 a.m. to 11 E. 79th Street, officials said. The victim, a man in his 40s, had been working on the top floor of the three-story building when the beam and part of the ceiling fell on him.

## Daley wedding adjustment

The younger daughter of former Mayor Richard M. Daley has moved her wedding from New Year's Eve to Thursday so her mother, who has been battling cancer for years, can participate in the ceremony, a family spokeswoman said Wednesday. **TRIBUNE**

### DAILY QUOTABLE

**“I have never shied away from what I think and maybe that's one reason why I stand here today.”**

—Chicago Teachers Union President **Karen Lewis** (right), facing controversy over comments she made about U.S. education secretary Arne Duncan in a videotaped speech last month to labor leaders in Seattle, who said Wednesday she is not resigning.



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**Police: Coach never called us about an attack**

**1** Two law enforcement agencies—Penn State's campus police and State College police—have no record of any

police report from a Penn State assistant football coach who has been criticized for not doing more in an alleged rape of a boy by former coach Jerry Sandusky, both agencies said Wednesday.

Those police departments' assertions counter an email from assistant coach Mike McQueary.

Also on Wednesday, a new judge was assigned to the case against Sandusky after it was revealed that the first judge had volunteered at Sandusky's charity.

**Netflix settlement**

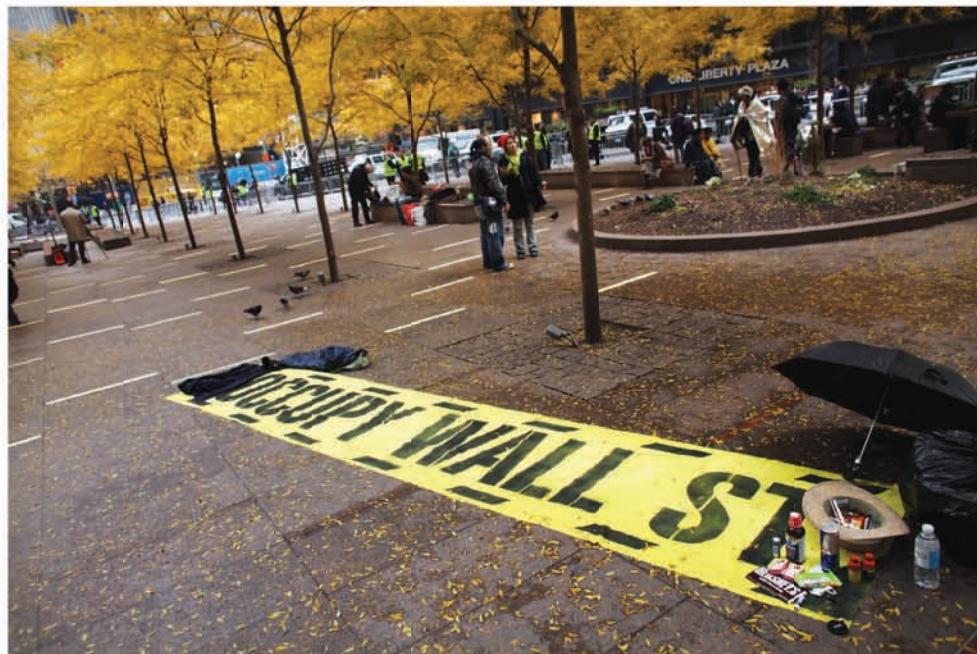
Millions of current and former Netflix customers woke up Wednesday to an email about a class-action lawsuit involving Wal-Mart and DVD rentals. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, Wal-Mart will pay \$27.25 million in cash and gift cards—but a good chunk of that money will go to the lawyers. Subscribers could take home mere pennies.

**Wealthy: Tax us more**

**2** Nearly 140 millionaires asked Congress on Wednesday to increase their taxes for the sake of the nation. "Please do the right thing," the entrepreneurs and business leaders wrote President Obama and congressional leaders, noting that they benefited from a sound economy and want others to do so. "Raise our taxes."

**Drug tunnel found**

**3** Police have discovered a "major cross-border drug tunnel" running to California from Mexico, and seized more than 17 tons of marijuana, U.S. and Mexican authorities said Wednesday. The tunnel, measuring around 400 yards, linked warehouses in an industrial park south of San Diego and the Mexican border city of Tijuana.



A sign sits in a nearly empty Zuccotti Park a day after it was cleared of protesters. GETTY IMAGES

**Protesters looking to shut Wall Street**

**4** **NEW YORK** Occupy Wall Street protesters hope to rebound Thursday with a march on the New York Stock Exchange to show their battle against economic inequality still has life after they were evicted from a nearby park.

Most rallies by the 2-month-old movement have numbered in the hundreds of people in New York, but protesters and city officials expect thousands of demonstrators to pour into the Wall Street area at 7 a.m. Eastern time to try to stop workers from getting to their desks in the financial district.

It will be a test of whether Occupy Wall Street and the loose-knit global alliance it inspired will fade away or grow after police cleared a camp of hundreds of protesters from Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan on Tuesday.

"This movement is really not about tents as much as it is about an idea," spokesman Ed Needham said. "There's also going to be events in 100 countries around the world [Thursday]."

Occupy Wall Street plans to shut down the home of the New York Stock Exchange and the heart of American capitalism to kick off a day of protests. But the movement acknowledged tight security was likely to prevent protesters from getting close to the stock exchange.

Another protest spokesman, Mark Bray, said "the idea is to inconvenience Wall Street bankers going to work, not to hurt anyone. We are committed to nonviolent civil disobedience."

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# sports



The Matadors practice four hours weekly.

## MATADOR MUSTS

By Piet Levy

FOR REDEYE

What does it take to be a Matador—besides baring and shaking your big belly? Everette Michael Jackson, a Matador since 2009, explains five must-haves for members of the Bulls dance group.

**1 Practice:** During the season, the guys rehearse four hours a week across two days.

**2 Fearlessness:** You can never hold back when performing in front of 20,000 people at a game. "You have to have nerves of steel," Jackson said.

**3 Quick thinking:** A Matador has "to be able to freestyle in the case of a music malfunction or another disaster," Jackson said. "One of our favorite [freestyle] moves is ... a simple right-to-left grapevine. ... When in doubt, grapevine out."

**4 Warm-up music:** Jackson listens to Drake, Eminem or Lil Wayne to get himself hyped up before a performance.

**5 Food:** You've got to get that gut somehow. "Fried chicken before every game is a must," Jackson said, and occasionally pizza, fries and burgers.

# NO GUT, NO GLORY

The rotund Matadors can dance if they want to—all to entertain Bulls fans

By Piet Levy

FOR REDEYE

At 375 pounds, Everette Michael Jackson is the last guy you might expect, or perhaps want to see, getting down to LMFAO's macho dance jam "Sexy and I Know It."

But his larger-than-life physique and personality (he says he once started a spontaneous dance party at Moe's Cantina in Wrigleyville) are just the right size for the Matadors. They're a crew of primarily overweight male dancers who happily and humorously strut their supersize stuff at Bulls games.

"Of all the [Bulls dance] groups, they relate to every single person in that crowd," said choreographer Lisa Dajani, a former Luvabull and co-owner of Picture Us Different Dance Studio in Park Ridge. "For a minute and a half, the crowd can just have fun and release the tension and stress of the game."

When that next game will be is uncertain; after the NBA players rejected the owners' latest deal Monday, the entire season is in jeopardy. But the Bulls still held Matadors auditions recently at the UIC Flames Athletic Center for the 2011-12 season.

Even though Jackson, a 26-year-old North Center resident, has been a Matador since 2009, he and the other veterans had to go toe to toe against each other and four new hopefuls for spots on the squad.



At the auditions, Dajani led the red-and-black-sporting contenders through her swagger-soaked "Sexy" routine, step by step, section by section, before candidates and teacher busted their moves to the music.

There was a bit of belly rubbing here, some saucy hip shakes there, plus muscle flexing, self-spanking and a whole lot of wiggling. For the most part Matadors director Cathy Core silently judged from the sidelines, but she wasn't shy about pinching her nose when she felt the freestyle was flat.

Among those literally sweating through the audition was Corie Paige of Joliet, a 32-year-old forklift driver and a member of the Matadors since their inaugural 2003-04 season. Before the Matadors, Paige's dancing experience was limited to the shower. But as the self-proclaimed "life of the party" and "biggest Bulls fans ever," Paige had to audition that first year, and has every year since.

"I just wanted to entertain anyone who wants to see a big guy move," he said. "My kids think I'm an idol, my wife thinks I'm crazy half the time, so it balances out."

Eric Rothmann (from left), Fielding Kalas and Albert Cruz audition for the Bulls' Matadors dance team at the UIC Flames Athletic Center last month.  
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS



**“** Of all the [Bulls dance] groups, they relate to every single person in that crowd.”

—Lisa Dajani, the Matadors' choreographer and a former Luvabull

Also auditioning was first-timer Fielding Kalas, a 28-year-old industrial electrician from Schaumburg. “My dad actually posted [details about the audition] on my Facebook page as a joke,” Kalas said. “I went on YouTube, looked some things up and thought it was awesome.”

After 90 minutes of auditions, Core revealed the roster. Kalas didn’t make the cut, but Jackson, Paige and the seven other auditioning veterans were Matadors once more, as well as 35-year-old newcomer Quentin Townsend of Joliet.

“Quentin came in with this positive attitude,” Core said. “He had a smile on his face from the moment he walked through.”

Townsend’s time at the clubs also helped.

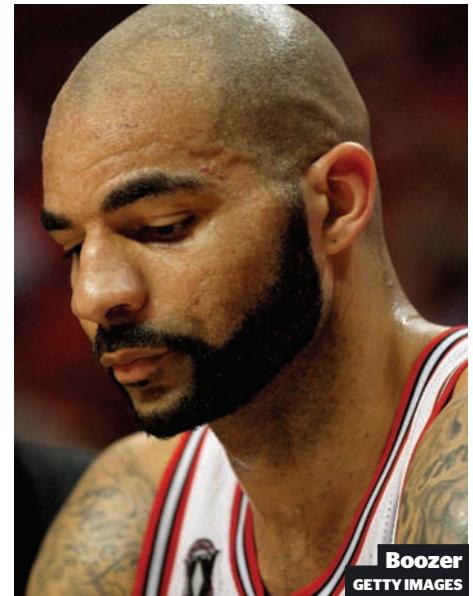
“People are surprised I can move so well for my size,” he said.

If and when the Bulls season begins, the Matadors will perform at one game a month, plus special occasions such as the team’s holiday party. There isn’t much in terms of compensation—they get three tickets to every game they dance at, plus free parking and meals, Core said. Occasionally the group is booked to perform in other states and has danced in Greece and Turkey.

But the biggest benefit for these performers is entertaining tens of thousands of Bulls fans, said 34-year-old Kevin Blanchard of Bronzeville, a Matador since the group’s first season.

“Seeing the smiles on the fans’ faces ... it’s a high you can’t get from nothing else,” Blanchard said.

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Boozer  
GETTY IMAGES

## Reports: Boozer at club where man shot dead

One man was shot dead and two other people were injured at a New York nightspot where

N.Y. Giants receiver **Victor Cruz** was celebrating his birthday with friends, according to The Associated Press. Bulls forward Carlos Boozer was among several pro athletes who also were believed to be in the nightclub when the shooting occurred.

The New York Times said detectives were working to see if any of the athletes could provide an eyewitness account. Police said the shooting broke out around

2:30 a.m. Tuesday inside the Juliet Supper Club in Manhattan.

Artis Arthur, 43, was shot twice and killed, police said.

## Bulls 77, Portland 70

With the NBA locked out, RedEye is simulating the Bulls season on “NBA 2K12.” For the results so far, visit [trib.in/virtualbulls](http://trib.in/virtualbulls).

**KEY STAT:** The Bulls grabbed 52 rebounds to the Trail Blazers’ 40.

The Bulls’ offense again looked anemic, but their defense and rebounding saved the day. Joakim Noah and Luol Deng held Blazers star LaMarcus Aldridge to 14 points while combining for 17 points, 23 rebounds and three blocks. Keith Bogans led the Bulls with 19 points, which included 5-for-7 shooting from the 3-point line in his return from a strained back that sidelined him a week.

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**1 A Blackhawks-Vancouver matchup is like ...**

... watching shoppers fight over scraps on Black Friday, only with fewer bruises.

... Rocky battling anybody. Not Stallone's "Rocky," though. Rocky from "3 Ninjas."

... Swedish Fish. Can't get enough.

... willful insomnia. Someone pass the coffee ...

... Gronn the Intergalactic Assassin taking on Megaro the Underwater Juggernaut. Exactly like that.

**2 Why did the NFL start playing games on Thursday nights?**

Because if they played on Tuesdays, Jay Cutler would miss the "Dancing with the Stars" results shows. Duh.

For more unbearable football coverage by someone besides Jon Gruden.

Been a big draw for college football. It's about time.

The NFL feels "The Office" is now lame, so they're helping to cancel it.

They wanted to start competing with that hot NBC "Night Court," "Hill Street Blues" lineup.

**3 NBA games through Dec. 15 have been canceled. Your reaction?**

Use the Muppets as replacement players. Kermit's got some serious hops.

I just feel really sorry for those millionaires. At times like these, we must always admire the wealthy.

Dec. 15 is nothing—the whole season's out the door. Time for more Bulls classics on CSN.

At least one team at the UC gets to skip the circus trip.

They're doing such a good job canceling games, they should keep going.

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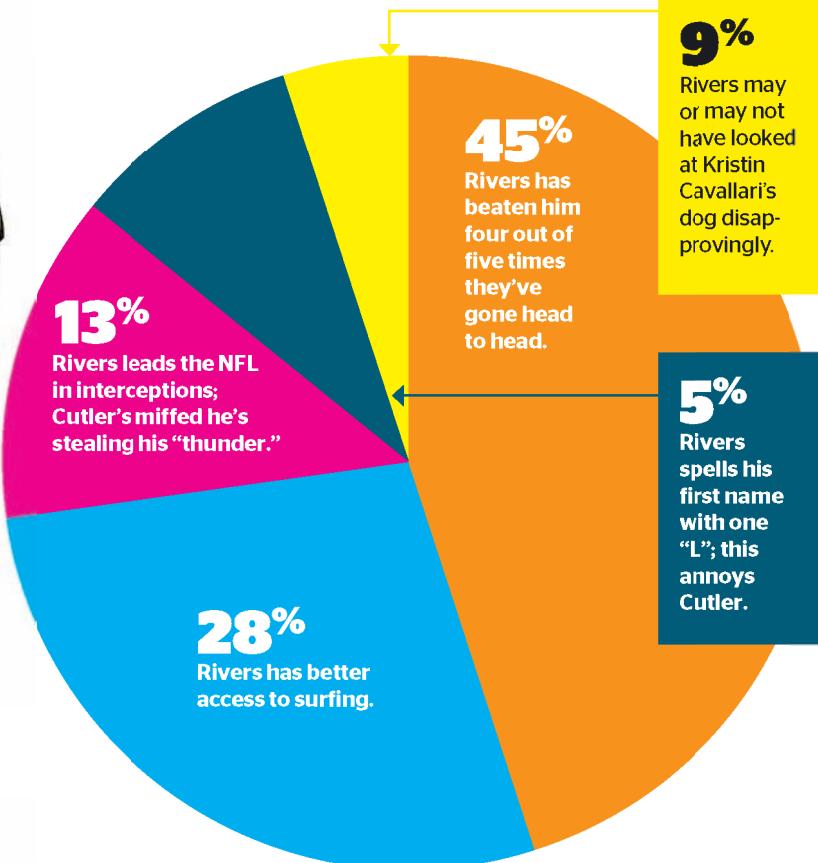
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Familiarity with the AFC West does not always conjure pleasant memories for Bears quarterback Jay Cutler.

The Bears host San Diego on Sunday at Soldier Field. Cutler began his career with Denver and at least once publicly expressed his dislike for the way Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers handles himself on the field.

On Wednesday at Halas Hall, Cutler responded with short answers when questioned about his relationship with Rivers.

Asked if he missed playing regularly against Rivers, Cutler replied: "No."

Encouraged to elaborate, Cutler said: "We don't play him every year, so it's kind of different. It's something that is in the past."

Asked if the relationship with Rivers could be repaired, Cutler joked: "I don't know. You got his number? We can call him."

Well if Cutler's not going to spell it out for us, that leaves us to speculate as to why he's so upset with Rivers.

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## Reports: Cubs settle on Sveum

The Cubs appear poised to hire **Dale Sveum** as their manager. There was no confirmation from the organization, but multiple reports from national reporters Wednesday night said Sveum, the Milwaukee hitting coach, has been offered a job that many had expected would be offered to Texas pitching coach Mike Maddux. The reports surfaced about three hours after team chairman Tom Ricketts checked into the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee for owners meetings.



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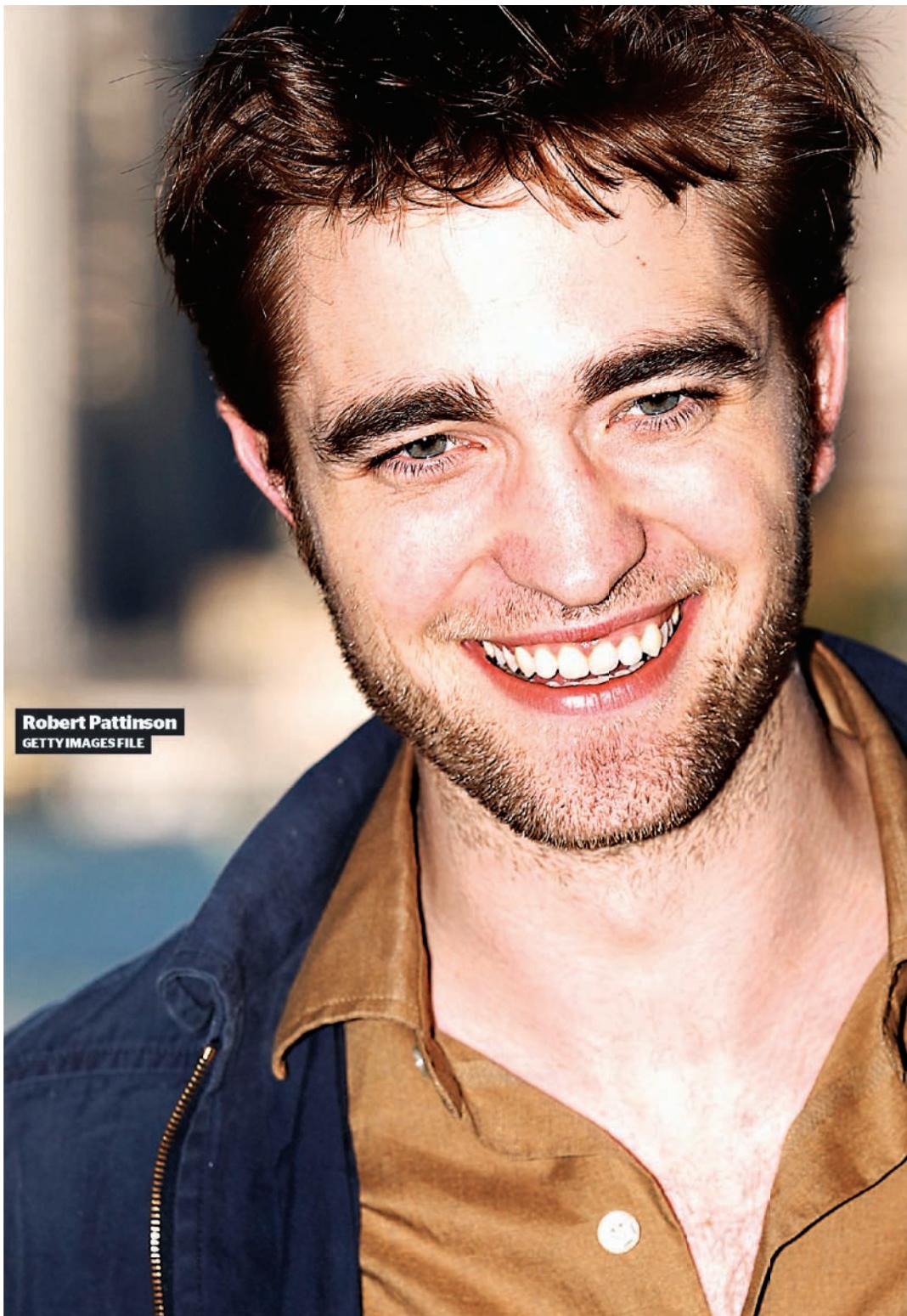
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Pattinson taking his last bites as Edward Cullen

#### The Orlando Sentinel

Three years and three films into "The Twilight Saga," Robert Pattinson can see the finish line for the role that made him famous.

With the release of "Breaking Dawn—Part 1" late Thursday, he knows that the whirlwind surrounding him and his castmates is about to peak. Then subside. He says he's relishing the end, and he's taking it all in: the attention, the career boost and the way his peers have coped with the sudden fame of a film series whose fans are nothing if not fanatical.

"I am constantly amazed that no one has gone totally crazy," he says, chuckling. "Everybody has their own way of coping. We're all trying to be artists at the same time this whole thing is going on around us."

The 25-year-old British actor has worked with Oscar winners Reese Witherspoon and Christoph Waltz ("Water for Elephants") and former James Bond Pierce Brosnan ("Remember Me"). But he says his "Twilight"

castmates "have taught me the most. They've grown up in the eye of the storm. I learn from how they've dealt with fame. For me, that's obviously the most overwhelming ... thing I've had to deal with. You learn a lot about the world and a lot about people when you and they go through something like this."

That "something like this" has been in evidence since before the first film opened. Pattinson was an all-but-unknown 21-year-old, best known for a glorified cameo as Cedric Diggory in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" when he landed the role that would change his life the instant he was cast.

Tim Guinee, one of his co-stars in "Water for Elephants," recalls the paparazzi in helicopters above that film's set, the scores of fans hanging around, "hoping to catch a glimpse of him. What an extraordinary amount of pressure this was for such a young guy to deal with and I was always amazed at the dignity and fortitude with which he

## RED CARPET REPORT

Matt Pais was on the Nov. 8 red carpet at the House of Blues with "Twilight" stars Ashley Greene, Nikki Reed, Peter Facinelli, Jackson Rathbone and Charlie Bewley. Here are some answers he got from the cast.



**GG** I think just the whole unknown about them is very seductive.

—Ashley Greene, on why vampires are seductive



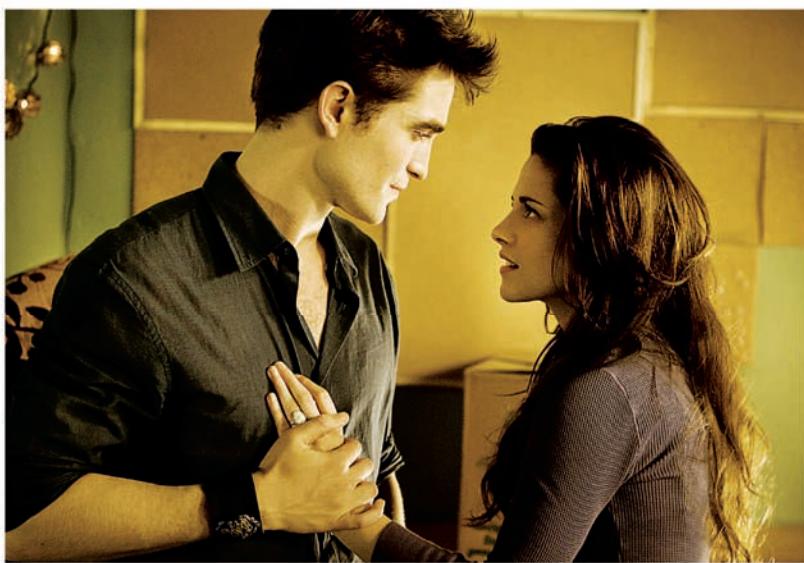
**GG** Buy some cigars and stay out. [Laughs.]

—Peter Facinelli, on his advice for guys (not) in the delivery room



**GG** I guess they ask for it raw. Or actually still moving.

—Jackson Rathbone, on what happens when someone asks for steak at a vampire wedding. [Ed. note: Rathbone didn't realize Matt meant "stake."]



### FAST-PAISED

#### 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 1' (PG-13)

Shouldn't Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) have a better place to find information on Immortalicum—whatever that is—than Yahoo? The unintentionally funny "Breaking Dawn—Part 1" makes this question and many more unavoidable as it loses the passion and action of the series' best installment, "Eclipse," and Taylor Lautner suggests more than ever that the casting director hiring him to play a werewolf accidentally said, "robot." » Read the full review at [redeyechicago.com](http://redeyechicago.com) and in Friday's RedEye.

dealt with all of it."

Pattinson knows that he's in select company, having come from almost nowhere to star in three spectacularly successful movies—"Twilight" (2008), "New Moon" (2009) and "Eclipse" (2010)—with one more sure-to-be-a-hit installment opening this weekend and another opening at this time next year.

"It inevitably skews your idea of what this business should be," he says. "But you have to fight against that. The whole fun, the whole point of being an actor is to keep re-inventing yourself."

Pattinson has managed that, squeezing in a couple of non-vampire roles amid the run of the saga. He earned "acquits himself quite nicely" (Leonard Maltin) no-

tices for last spring's period piece "Water for Elephants." He hopes his work will get a fair viewing once "Twilight" ends, that critics and fans won't make as much of his "brooding beauty" (said Elizabeth Weitzman of the New York Daily News) as they do now.

"It gets scary," he says. "You worry that this is all they'll let you do. But I could take chances [with other roles] because I always had another 'Twilight' movie coming out."

"At the same time, it's kind of nice that they're coming to an end, to know I don't have that safety net and that I have to really strive to do new things and wholly commit to them because there's nothing to fall back on."



**GG** If it came to dancing, the dancing penguins. Trust me, I've seen these vampires dance. They're rather cold.

—Charlie Bewley, on who would win in a battle between vampires and the dancing penguins from "Happy Feet Two"

## The 'other' 'Twilight' bride

By Matt Pals | REDEYE

Can you believe "Twilight" star Nikki Reed and former to "American Idol" contestant Paul McDonald got married a month ago, totally stealing thunder from the wedding of Edward and Bella in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 1"?

"Stealing their thunder?" says the 23-year-old actress with a laugh. "I don't think it's possible to steal Edward and Bella's thunder. ... I think every interview I do everyone's like, 'It's the most anticipated wedding of the decade!'"

Just for the record, I didn't call it that. But there's no denying that the first installment of "Breaking Dawn," opening Thursday, comes with boatloads of shrieking and capital-letter tweets. In the fourth and penultimate onscreen chapter of Stephenie Meyer's megahit franchise, Reed reprises her role as Rosalie Hale, who helps Bella (Kristen Stewart) through her controversial pregnancy not long after her wedding to Edward (Robert Pattinson). After all, giving birth to a vampire ain't easy.

At the Elysian Hotel the day after walking the red carpet at the House of Blues, L.A. native Reed talked about extreme "Twilight" fandom and her advice for newlyweds.

**You've spent time walking around Chicago. How many people recognized you and started shrieking immediately?**

Um, I dress in a very—right now I was just working so I have like high heels and a dress on—but I generally go around in like leggings, my running sneakers. I just went all over Europe, all I brought [were] my bright blue sneakers and leggings and like a hoodie and I just sort of rock 'n' roll. I don't really get bugged too much on the street.

**What's something that felt new for you in "Breaking Dawn"?**

I really liked making "Breaking Dawn" for selfish reasons, just for Rosalie. ... I feel like she was accepted back in the Cullen family again. But it was long. Shooting two movies like this back to back, it was rough.

**There are so many really, really serious "Twilight" fans.**

Pretty serious.

**How does one know when their "Twilight" fandom has perhaps gone a little far?**

See, the problem with that question is then it sounds like we're criticizing the fanbase. Throughout the years I used to be really kind of scared of it and now it's not that I've embraced it, it's that I can actually just appreciate it because I mean I don't know what my other co-stars, how they would feel about me saying this, but it's gonna end. [Laughs.] For all of us. And being in "Twilight" does not necessarily make you a superstar. It gives you the opportunity to maybe have a career if you work your butt off and continue to. This fandom, um, I mean they've done some pretty gnarly things.

**What's the most extreme?**

I've seen underwear being thrown at Taylor [Lautner] from women who are not 14 years old, by the way.

**More like 64?**

I don't know if it was 64-year-old underwear, but it was definitely not 15-year-old underwear. I've seen, yesterday Jackson [Rathbone] got a few proposals sitting right next to me, that was



### DID YOU KNOW?

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pretty funny. Ashley [Greene] said she's had some women ask if she'll marry their husbands so they can share. I don't get too much of that sort of craziness. I mean, they're very vocal. We'll put it that way. [Laughs.]

**Congrats on your recent marriage. What advice do you have for Edward and Bella about married life?**

[Laughs.] I don't know what advice I have for them because I don't feel like their relationship is questionable at all. This series would not be successful if you were ever like, "Bella, this could be a mistake. He might cheat on you." [Laughs.] I don't think that's ever a question that runs through anyone's mind.

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# 'Breaking' news: A few 'Twilight' tidbits

## The Fresno Bee

Whether you go to one of the midnight screenings Thursday of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 1" or wait until the crowds die down, there are a few things you should know about the movie to make the experience the best one possible.

Here are half a dozen tidbits to sink your teeth into.

**1** Don't leave the theater when the closing credits start because there is an additional scene.

**2** Pay close attention to all of the guests attending Bella (Kristen Stewart) and Edward's (Robert Pattinson) wedding. Author Stephenie Meyer makes a cameo.

**3** The film had to be edited to avoid an R rating. Scenes from the honeymoon—where Stewart got too energetic—were trimmed to reach a PG-13 rating.



**4** Because so much of the action takes place in the Cullen home, the huge house was actually built on location in Vancouver.

**5** Bella's unique pregnancy causes her to lose a massive amount of weight. Part of the illusion was created by Stewart losing a few pounds, makeup and what director Bill Condon calls a little extra help: computer-generated special effects.

**6** It took three years and three months to film the five movies. The last one will hit theaters in November 2012.

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- 50/50 (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15
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- A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1:50, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30
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- Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50
- The Skin I Live In (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
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- Puss in Boots (PG) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
- The Ides of March (R) 7:30, 9:45
- 50/50 (R) 5:10 P.M.
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) \* 12:00 Midnight

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- In Time (PG-13) 11:10, 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
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- The Lion King 3D (G) 10:50, 1:10, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:30
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- Immortals 3D (R) 10:40, 1:20, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00
- Real Steel (PG-13) 11:45, 2:35
- Immortals (R) 11:30, 2:20
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- Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 2:50, 7:25
- Moneyball (PG-13) 7:20 P.M.
- In Time (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45
- AMC Independent Like Crazy (PG-13) 11:20, 1:40, 4:00, 6:35, 9:05
- AMC Independent Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 11:25, 4:55, 9:35
- Puss in Boots (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40
- AMC Independent Margin Call (R) 11:35, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- 50/50 (R) 11:45, 2:20

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- Jack and Jill (PG) \* 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15

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# Elijah Wood is getting his hobbit on—again

**CNN**

Now that production has started on Peter Jackson's highly anticipated "Lord of the Rings" prequels, star Elijah Wood is giving E! News some info on "The Hobbit."

"They're gonna be big," Elijah said Sunday of the two upcoming flicks, titled "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," and "The Hobbit: There and Back Again." "The audience is huge. The anticipation for 'The Hobbit' has been so massive for so long."

Just how massive? The three "Lord of the Rings" movies grossed almost \$3 billion worldwide, but Wood, 30, says he doesn't see it as a competition.

"I don't even know if they're meaning to outdo them," the actor says of the prequels.

Wood's character Frodo Baggins is the star of the "LOTR" trilogy, and has controversially been added to the "Hobbit" prequels, as has Cate Blanchett's character Galadriel and Orlando Bloom's elf Legolas.

The idea may have its detractors, but Wood explained how the "LOTR" characters can appear in Jackson's "Hobbit" movies when they weren't in J.R.R. Tolkien's book.

"The idea is that there are things actually happening historically at the same time the story of 'The Hobbit' is taking place, they just weren't written in 'The Hobbit,'" he said. "They were written in appendices and external pieces ... that's kind of where a lot of that is coming from."

Wood may be biased, but he thinks the additions are going to work.

"It's going to feel like a nice transitional piece," he said. "I think it's going to be a great amalgam of a fresh new approach with plac-



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es we've never been before in Middle-earth mixed with things that are very familiar to us. It will be a beautiful transition. I'm excited about it. I can't wait."

So when will fans get a first look at "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey?" Andy Serkis, who plays Gollum, told IGN that a trailer for the first movie will be released "around Christmas." The film will open Dec. 14, 2012. "The Hobbit: There and Back Again" will follow Dec. 13, 2013.

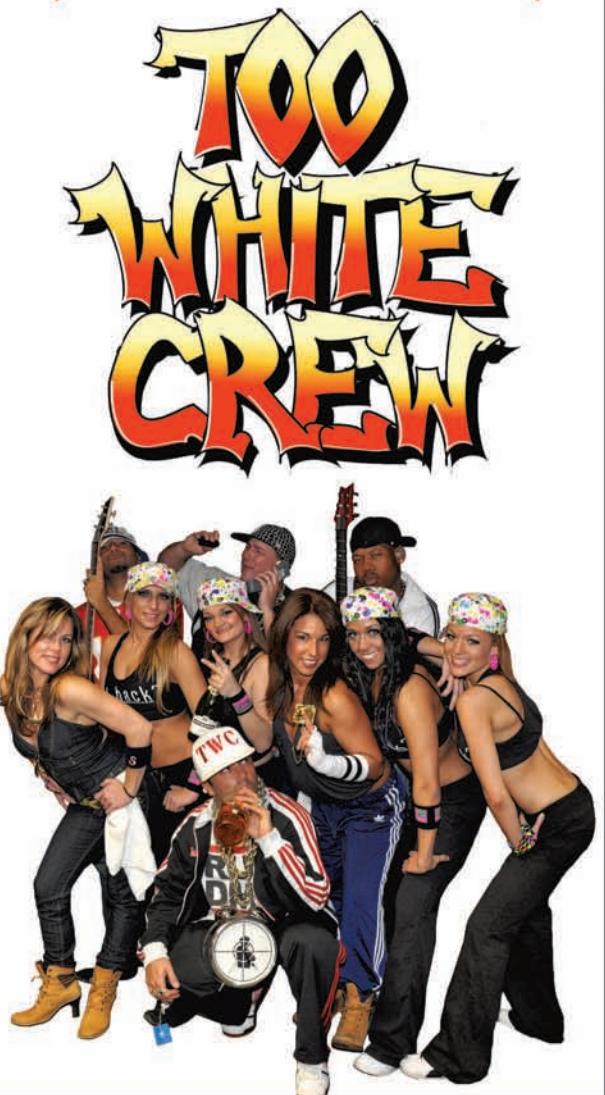
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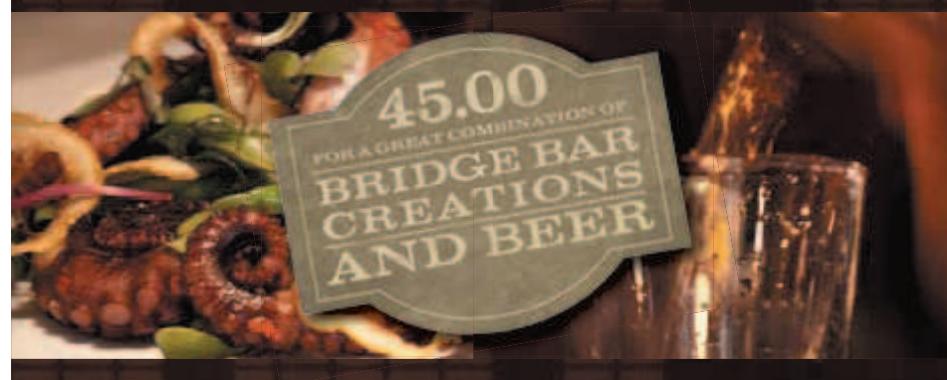


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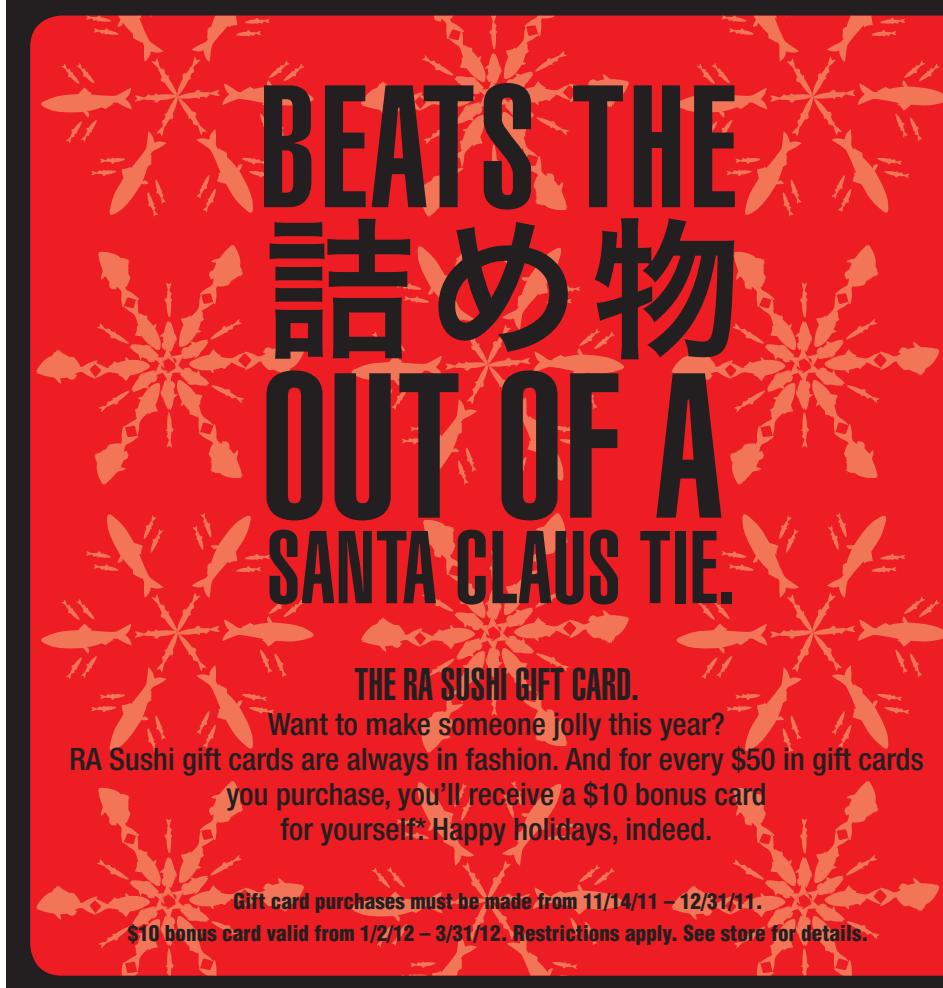
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!!! It doesn't seem to matter where you put Mario—in space, in a Kart, in a tennis game or even in a world made of paper—because he always seems to succeed. Such is the case with the iconic plumber's newest adventure in 3-D. "Super Mario 3D Land" remains filled with the same ol' jumping and stomping action we've seen dozens of times before, but the very creative level design and 3-D effects manage to make Mario feel fresh again. It's just too bad it's a bit tough to control on the 3DS.

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# THREE TO PLAY

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### Goldeneye 007: Reloaded

XB360, PS3

!!! This version of "Goldeneye" might be reloaded, but unfortunately it's a game that's shooting blanks. The original game on the Nintendo 64 stood as the king of shooters and a dorm room favorite in the mid-'90s, but even with a "Call of Duty"-style makeover and Daniel Craig replacing Pierce Brosnan as the British super spy, "Reloaded" has a hard time competing with current action games. Still, the four-player split screen deathmatches never get old.



### Modern Warfare 3

XB360, PS3, PC

!!! If you don't get the big deal about the "Call of Duty" series and why it's the best-selling of all time, there's nothing in this year's entry that will change your mind. But for fans, "Modern Warfare 3" delivers the goods. The single-player campaign formula may be growing stale and you can find better cooperative games on the market, but there's still something completely addicting about "MW3's" competitive multiplayer mode that will keep you gunning down your friends and strangers online for hundreds and thousands of hours. Well, at least until the next "Call of Duty" inevitably rolls in next year.

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# In time for the holidays

Snuggle up to the latest openings in Edgewater, Wicker Park and more

By Emily Van Zandt

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Like it or not, the countdown to the holidays has begun. Between the family fights, the travel headaches and the present-budget woes, everyone could use a stiff drink. Luckily, there are plenty of new spots popping up in Chicago to accommodate the holiday blues. From comfort food like your mom used to make in Wicker Park to video games with a side of beer in Edgewater and budget-friendly cocktails in Lincoln Park, there's a little something for everyone.

## The Norse Bar

6334 N. Clark St. 773-942-6344

As if a good beer isn't enough entertainment, this Edgewater pub keeps patrons busy with plenty of TVs for sports games, trivia nights and Wii, Super NES and Nintendo 64 games. Prefer to sip with your pooch by your side? They're welcome Monday nights. And if brews are all you need keep you glued to your seat, the bar offers 12 rotating draft selections with a focus on craft and import options.

## Highball Lounge

738 N. Clark St. 312-397-1961

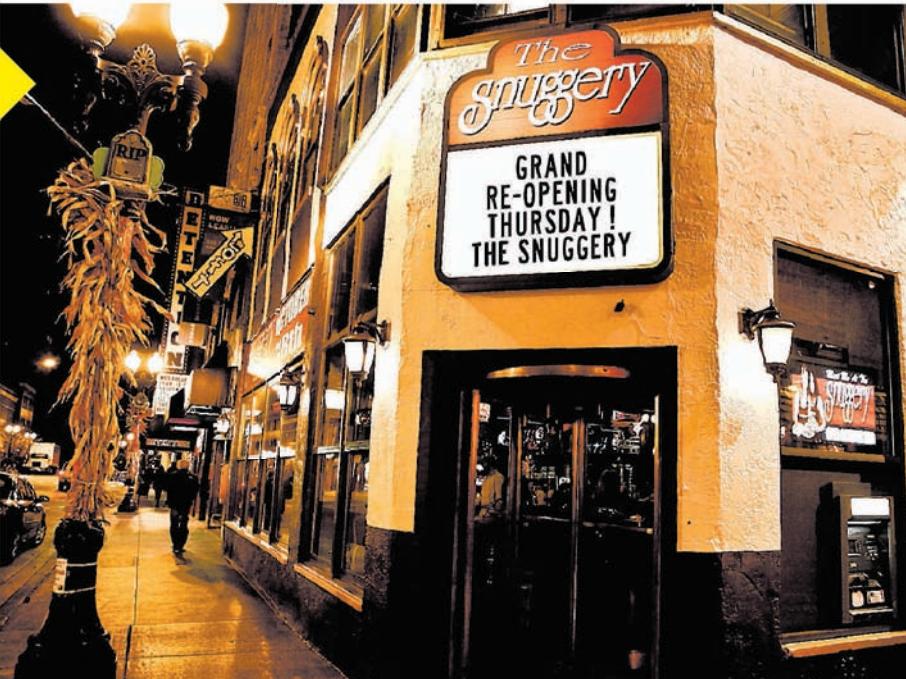
"Mad Men" fans take note: Slated to Thursday, this River North lounge is a throwback to the '50s and '60s (think sleek booths and a Tiffany blue women's bathroom) with a focus on classic highball cocktails such as the dark and stormy, moscow mule, Scotch and sodas and more. Owned by Perry Fotopoulos of The Tasting Room, the second-floor lounge has space for a just under 100 patrons and may expand to the third floor in the future. Look for veteran Chicago DJ Joe Bryl to spin Thursday nights beginning Dec. 15.



## The Snuggery

15 W. Division St. 312-337-4349

Finn McCool's is out and The Snuggery is in at this Gold Coast location. The venue joins sibling bars in Edison Park, McHenry, Schaumburg and Union Station. Boasting a late-night license, the sports-focused spot will broadcast major sports games along with UFC events and games on the NFL Sunday Ticket. The food menu leans toward bar favorites with burgers, chicken, ribs and nachos. Expect the tempo to pick up on weekends, when a DJ will be on hand, or head upstairs to The Apartment, the more loungey second-floor bar.



## THE COUNTDOWN

EARLY DECEMBER OPENINGS WE ARE WAITING FOR

### Derby

Kentucky-centric food and drink in Lincoln Park

### The Ogden

Food-centric sports bar near United Center

### The Monkey's Paw

Lincoln Park gastropub with rustic twist

### Flight 1551

Wine and bites in Old Town





**The Anthem**  
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Couldn't find time to take that annual trip to Napa this year? Poor you. Luckily for all of us, there's a more economical option. This Gold Coast wine and champagne bar is dedicated to all things about the region, with wine and cheese tastings, classes and even travel info. The tiny space houses only a handful of tables, so don't plan on bringing a group. Think of it more as an intimate date spot to share a few glasses of wine, or a place to grab a bottle (and the story behind it) to go after work.

**The Barrelhouse Flat**  
2624 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-857-0421

Lincoln Park cocktail snobs already have discovered this hot spot, tucked away in the former Déja Vu space on Lincoln Avenue. We predict they'll be returning for the expertly crafted classic cocktails, all \$10. It's no coincidence that the spot is helmed by former Violet Hour mixologist Stephen Cole (right), who has packed the menu with more than 70 cocktail options, as well as a few beer and food choices.

» For a full review of The Barrelhouse Flat, go to [chicago.metromix.com](http://chicago.metromix.com).



**The Anthem**

1725 W. Division St., 773-697-4804

It's hard to find a fresher spot than this Wicker Park/Ukrainian Village sports bar, which officially opened Wednesday. Run by the same team that operates Bangers & Lace just down the street, Anthem embraces nostalgia, from its chalkboard walls and bubble hockey game to fish sticks and Twinkies (above) on the menu and classic sports games on the TVs. But don't be fooled—the spot takes its sports seriously, repping all Chicago teams with the sound turned up for games.

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Last week, a friend of mine finally asked THE QUESTION. The one I dread every year.

“What do you want to do for New Year’s?”

Gulp. New Year’s Eve is terrifying. Even six weeks away, the prospect of what is undoubtedly the biggest amateur night in all of bardom makes me queasy.

What do I want to do for New Year’s? Well, obviously I want to leave my house completely underdressed for the weather and pay an \$80 cover to go to a bar I’d never step in any other night where I’ll stand in line for 30 minutes to get two bottled beers and one vodka cranberry before the open bar closes.

And then I want to not realize it’s midnight until I feel champagne being dumped on my head by a drunk guy who is wearing his party fedora. Ultimately, I’d like to end the evening walking home after waiting 45 minutes for a cab.

OK, so maybe New Year’s Eve isn’t always that awful. But it can feel pretty close. In Chicago, New Year’s Eve can seem like a total “go big or go home” situation. You’re either going to be dropping cash for a crowded bar party or prix fixe dinner, or

you’re going to be getting kicked out of a BYOB after an hour (gotta keep those tables moving) and counting down to 2012 at home. And if you’re not already out by 10:30 p.m., forget it.

I’ve rung in the past three years in Chicago establishments, celebrating at overpriced bar parties, friends’ houses and small neighborhood spots. No matter where you go, New Year’s Eve ends up being a gamble. Your favorite low-key spot can become the most crowded place on the block. The sure-thing party to which you bought advance tickets could be filled with the worst people you went to high school with. Even a house party can end up being a disaster if the booze runs out and no one can get a cab home.

So, what to do? Say it with me now: Lower your expectations.

It’s that simple. New Year’s Eve isn’t the only party night of the year. It doesn’t have to be perfect. All it has to be is fun. And whatever your definition of fun is, that’s what you should be doing. Don’t opt for a bottle-service-only spot when you’re the sports bar type. And don’t avoid your favorite club just because you don’t know what the crowd will be. Pick a place you’re familiar with, surround yourself with friends you can rely on and you’ll do just fine. Well, except when it comes to that cab ride home—really, we’re all sunk.

EMILY VAN ZANDT IS A REDEYE REPORTER. “LOWER YOUR EXPECTATIONS” HAS BEEN HER PERSONAL MANTRA FOR YEARS.

NEW ZEALANDERS AGREE: DRINK RESPONSIBLY.

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## drinks

# The spirit of beer

**Would you believe this clear liquor started out as a regular ol' brewski? Meet Aventinus bierbrand**

### Chicago Tribune

Schneider-Weisse Aventinus Weizen-Eisbock is one of the world's great beers. On [ratebeer.com](http://ratebeer.com), for instance, a Yelp-like site for beer fiends to post reviews, the beer scores a 99 out of 100.

Mahogany in color, the beer has an aroma that brings to mind ripe plums and bananas and a multifarious flavor that has hints of bananas, strawberries, chocolate, cloves and honey.

For most importers, having a world-class brew in their portfolio would suffice. After all, that's their business. But Schneider-Weisse's importer, B. United International, is not like most importers. The company seeks to find and spur its producer clients to create new and innovative products, says Matthias Neidhart, B. United's president.

Perhaps no effort optimizes that mindset more than the Zymatore project, B. United's effort to convince its breweries and distilleries to produce barrel-aged beers, meads, sakes and distilled spirits that challenge the status quo by blurring the lines dividing beers, spirits, wines and meads.

"We want to do something different," Neidhart said.

It was as part of the Zymatore project that about eight years ago B. United decided to find a distillery that could transform Schneider-Weisse Aventinus Weizen-Eisbock into a beer brandy, or bierbrand. Similar in flavor to white whiskey, bierbrand is simply beer that's been distilled into a spirit.

Roughly 2½ years passed before B. United and Schneider-Weisse settled on a producer—the family-owned distillery and meadery Schraml—that they felt captured the beer's unique complexity.

But the time was well-spent, Neidhart says, because everyone involved believed that because they were distilling an exceptional beer, the resulting spirit should be the equal of a fine cognac or whiskey.

"We wanted to showcase to our customers that truly world-class brewers are producing some of the finest products in the world," he said.

The result, Edelster Aventinus, does the beer justice. While it has an aroma and flavor wholly its own, it does capture elements of the beer's complex aroma and array of vanilla,



BILL HOGAN/TRIBUNE

### WHERE TO BUY

Edelster Aventinus is available at some Binny's locations and [binnys.com](http://binnys.com).

clove, banana and strawberry notes.

B. United produces three variations of the Edelster Aventinus—one that is freshly distilled, another aged for at least 18 months in chardonnay barrels and one aged for at least 40 months in whiskey barrels.

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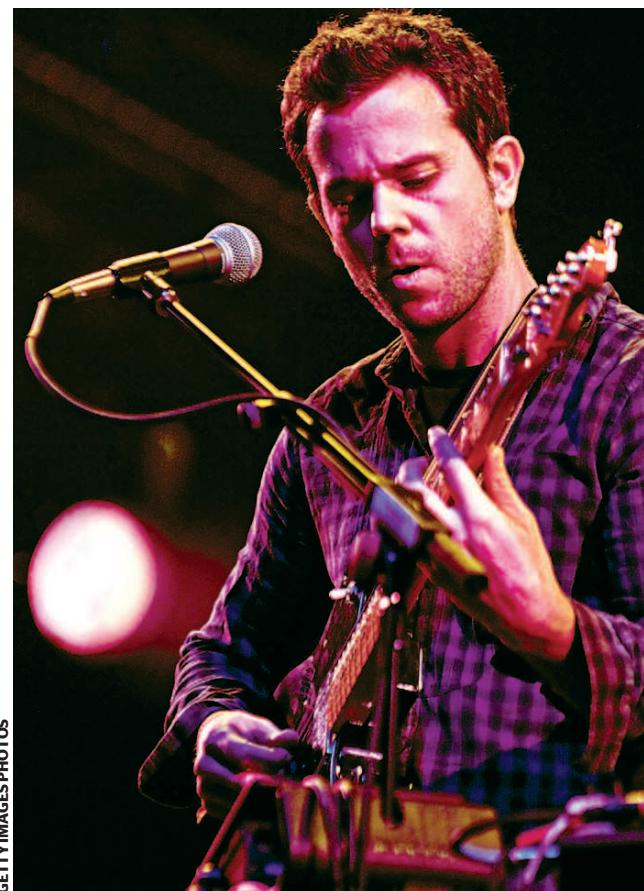
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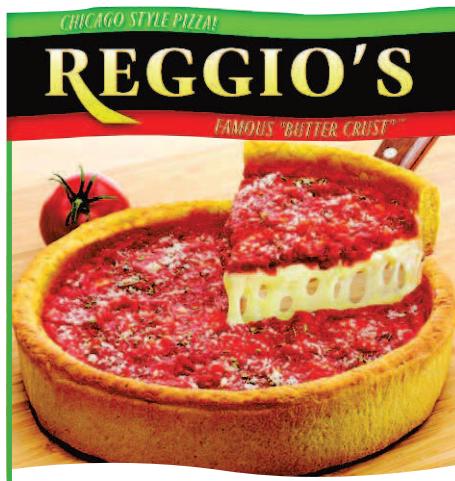
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# Hilarity on hold

## Delays push back opening of Laugh Factory Chicago

### Chicago Tribune

Inside the redone Lakeshore Theater, the change is stark enough to shock those who remember the old space.

The carpet and even the floors under it are new. The paint is fresher than the woodwork. The giant new "Laugh Factory" sign looms over a brand new stage in a performance space that no longer looks like a down-at-the-heels movie theater.

Peering down on it from the new, U-shaped balcony, everything appears, at most, hours away from being ready to go. But the result of this nearly yearlong gut rehab at 3175 N. Broadway still is at least four weeks away from opening, Laugh Factory Chicago owner Jamie Masada said Wednesday during an interview in the club, which once was touting a summer debut. And that's if the still-necessary city approvals come quickly, rarely a safe assumption in Chicago.

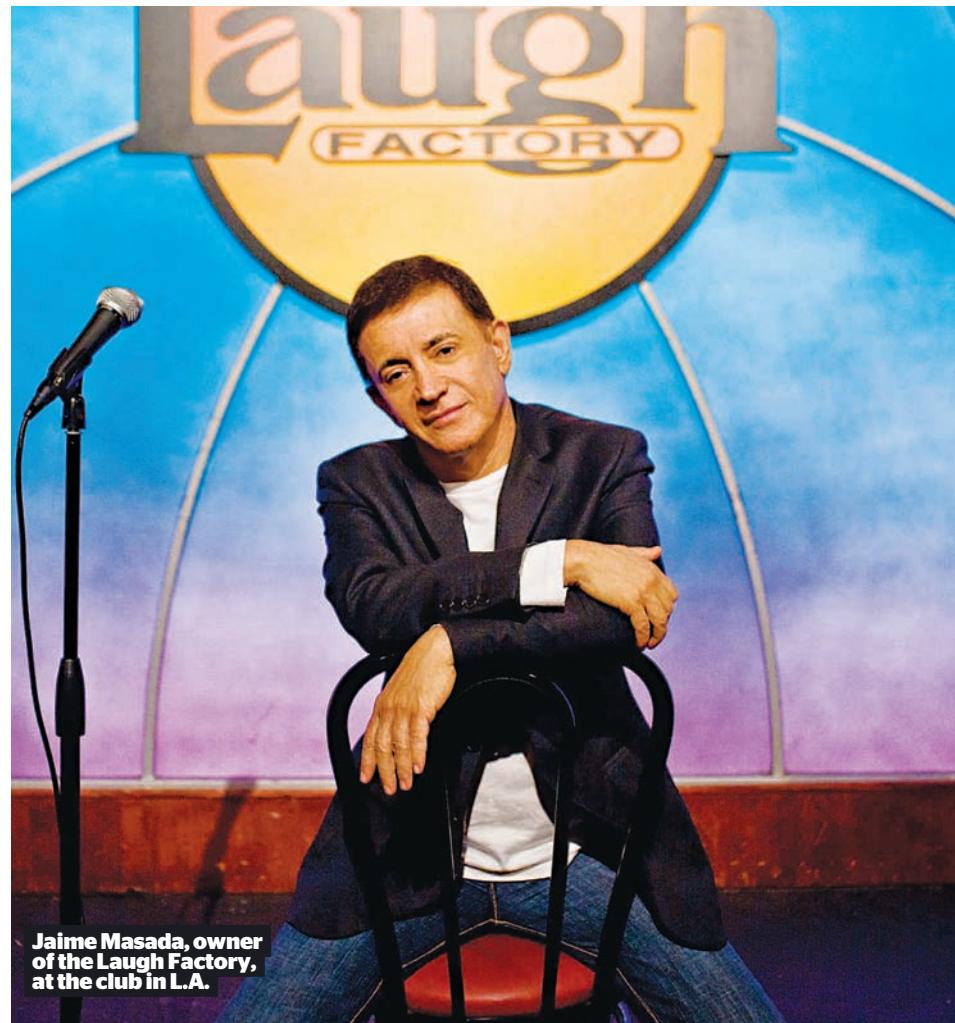
Masada, whose L.A. Laugh Factory has hosted most of comedy's superstars over the past three decades, said "I have only myself to blame" for delays, saying the work needed was much more extensive and the expense "10 times" what he had anticipated.

But as 60-inch plasma TVs lean against the new bar in the lobby, waiting to be mounted above the stage, and as the new bathrooms sparkle where the old ones festered, Masada was upbeat about the project, emphasizing that his primary goal before opening is to make sure things are just right. (The club would not allow photographs until everything is finished.)

"It's a lot of money," he said. "But I want to make it a landmark."

Add Laugh Factory Chicago's slow journey to a delay in the opening of The Second City's new Up Comedy Club—from the first standup going on in early December to, now, Jan. 19 (Dov Davidoff)—and Chicago's anticipated comedy glut is feeling more like a comedy waiting game.

At Second City, president Diana Martinez blamed "timeline issues with licensing"—Second City's city licenses are also not coming through as quickly as hoped. But she



Jaime Masada, owner of the Laugh Factory, at the club in L.A.

said "construction continues," and the room, which also will feature improv and kids shows, should be ready for the press Dec. 1 and host its first public performance, a Second City "History of Chicago," on Dec. 21.

At Laugh Factory, a quick rehab always seemed unlikely. Anybody who had visited Chris Ritter's Lakeshore, which he tried for three years to make into a showcase for alternative comics such as Jim Jefferies and Maria Bamford, knew that infrastructure was not the strong suit of the room, opened in 1913 as a movie theater.

In pulling the plug on his project in April 2010, Ritter cited an inability to afford necessary renovations as one of his main reasons.

But Masada came in late last year, thinking about opening his first Chicago-area Laugh Factory outpost since he had one, briefly, in Aurora decades ago, he said.

The 51-year-old walked in the neighborhood for a couple of weeks and came to believe that he could make a go of the Lakeshore space, he said, with partners including comic and Chicago-area native Tom Dreesen; music producer Quincy Jones, who partly was raised in Chicago; and comic and TV star Tim Allen.

For a potential first act—the uncertain timing makes it tough to know for sure—Masada said he has talked to or will talk to performers including Dreesen, Allen, Dave Chappelle and Dane Cook.

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Laugh Factory  
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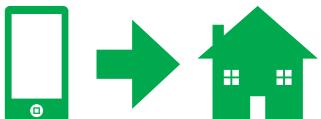
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"The great thing about this show is that there really are no heroes; there are no villains. Everyone is just doing his best to survive in this—in hell."

—Christopher Heyerdahl (right) about "Hell on Wheels"  
AMC PHOTO



# One hell of a schedule



SHOW PATROL

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Christopher Heyerdahl's name is synonymous with such characters as John Druitt and Bigfoot of "Sanctuary," Todd the Wraith of "Stargate Atlantis" and the vampire Marcus in the "Twilight" films.

Add to that list The Swede, his menacing character on AMC's post-Civil War Western, "Hell on Wheels," which airs at 9 p.m. Sunday after "The Walking Dead."

"Isn't he amazing? What a great character, huh?" Heyerdahl asked me during a recent interview, giving credit to pretty much everyone on the production but himself.

Yet Heyerdahl turns in the unforgettable, Emmy-worthy performance as The Swede. As head of security for railroad boss Doc Durant (Colm Meaney), The Swede polices the lawless tent city dubbed Hell on Wheels that has sprung up around the westward construction of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Heyerdahl called from Vancouver, B.C., to chat about tapping his Norwegian heritage to play The Swede, how he filmed two series at once and what it's like being in the "Twilight" movies.

**The Swede is actually Norwegian. And you're half Norwegian. Did you hit up your relatives for accent help?**

I went to university in Oslo and learned the language. So I have a rusty, rusty Norwegian that I get to exercise on a regular basis with my dear father. Most of our conversations are in Norwegian. And then when I speak with my family in Norway, it's almost always in Norwegian as well.

**Do you see The Swede as a villain?**

Well, you know, somebody has to lay down the rule of the law, right? ... When somebody says, "Oh, you're playing the villain." [I think] Oh, I'm playing the what? The villain? No, he's not a villain. You always want to blame the guy who has to be papa.

**He's just doing his job, right?**

Everyone has to survive in this town. It's not called Hell on Wheels for just a fun little name. It's filled with murderers and thieves and someone who would steal the last penny out of their mother's purse. This is a very violent place. ... And he's the guy who has to try and keep law and order in a lawless place. Do you do that by being understanding and cuddly? No, you've got to lay down the law.

**How was the experience filming the show?**

The amount of testosterone on that set is lunatic, and yet we all got along; there were not conflicts. ... It was a frickin' love fest. It's just a good group of people. They have done an amazing job of casting this show because everyone exists so well together.

**You filmed both your shows at once—"Sanctuary" in Vancouver and "Hell on Wheels" near Alberta in Calgary.**

I would arrive to work at "Sanctuary" at four in the morning, shoot all day. The car would pick me up and drive me to the airport. I'd get on the 10:30 flight, arrive Calgary at 12:30, 1 in the morning. Get into the hotel; get picked up at 6 the next morning. Drive to set and either stay for a day or two and then jump on a plane, fly back the next night, get up at 4 in the morning, back on "Sanctuary." And that was basically what it was like for five months. And it was fantastic. I was in heaven.

**What's coming up for Bigfoot in "Sanctuary?" (Which airs at 9 p.m. Fridays on Syfy)**

What's coming up for Biggie is probably the biggest challenge of his hundred-year existence and the biggest challenge of his relationship with Magnus in the Sanctuary.

**You have "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 1" too. Tell me about playing Marcus.**

Marcus ... is not terribly active in society anymore, but he certainly observes and feels and ponders and yearns and reminisces. In a way, that's very much my experience in this whole thing because I am in it and yet I'm not a part of the madness like a lot of the young people. I get to witness this kind of event that doesn't come along very often. ... So it's quite an experience.

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For a casual pop of reptile print, a **T-shirt from Sass & Bide** (\$190 at [net-a-porter.com](http://net-a-porter.com)) is an easy way to spice up the usual jeans and tee combo.



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# Snake that's a fake

## Los Angeles Times

Exotic animal prints are so ubiquitous this fall that it wouldn't be surprising if Post-it started making cheetah-print sticky notes or Starbucks began to offer limited-edition cup sleeves in a fierce leopard.

On the creepier side of exotic, there's snake print. Colorful '60s-style snakeskin boots appeared on the Prada fall-winter 2011 runway, and since then the print has been showing up on all sorts of things. We found some ways to dabble in the trend without harming a single reptile.

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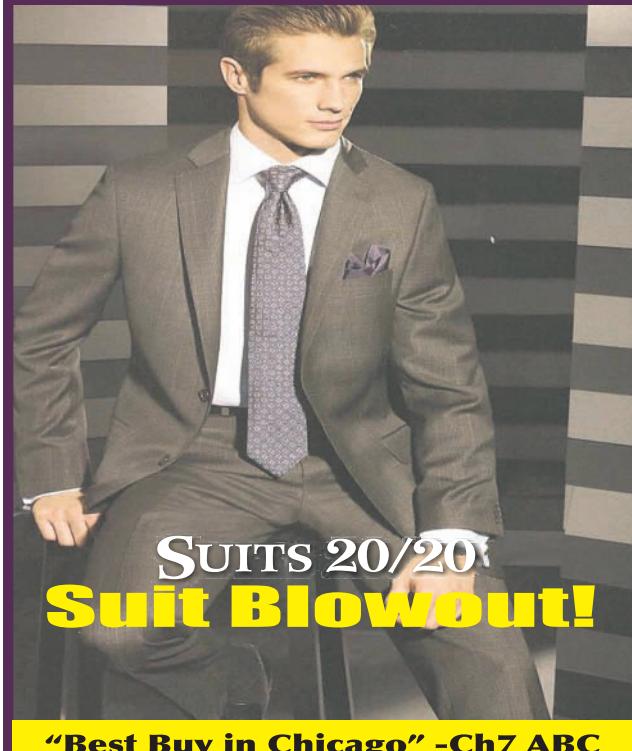
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# Time to carve up the worst fashion fads

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Before the serious season of Black Friday power shopping, holiday decorating, gift-picking overload and end-of-the-year time crunches takes its toll, let's sit back and reflect on something that's not so serious: bad fashion fads.



## David Beckham's Jacob & Co watch

Beckham, who usually dresses quite impeccably, has a Jacob & Co watch that costs \$10,800 and has not one, not two, not three, not... OK, it has five watch faces on it and five watch stems to wind each of the five faces. FIVE. Ostensibly, it's so that you can keep up with five different time zones.



## Jwears

If you're thinking "oh, no, it can't be," you've probably guessed that this is a jeans-sweatpant hybrid. Sorry to inform you that you now can purchase Diesel Jogg jeans (\$195) and Joe's Jean Sweats (\$158); J Brand's premium denim line also introduced a denim hybrid of stretchy slip-on pants. Apparently jeggings (jean leggings) just weren't questionable enough. Considering that jeans already are leisure attire, why do we need to make them more comfy?

## HairUWear or any other variety of the oddly hued clip-on wiglets

The 1-inch clip-in extensions (\$10) are in shades of neon pink, ginger and electric blue tiger stripes. People don't know when to say when. If a slim feather is nice, a neon purple tiger stripe must be better, right? Wrong.



## Plastic surgery gone mad

Hmm, what's on this mini-list? Chintox—yep, Botox for unappealing chins. Umbilicoplasty, or belly button surgery—get the innie you always wanted, the press release touts "create a more youthful looking belly button." Dimple plasty—you can have the "quintessential cute facial feature." These procedures are estimated at \$2,000 to \$5,000.

## Peep-toe combat boots

Some are embellished with studs and high heels, some are flat with straps and ties. Apparently this is edgy. It's not a self-expression, it's a blatant display of "look how cool I am," you can see my toes in my combat boots. "Get it, combat boots are supposed to be tough, but I wear them with a fresh pedicure."



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## Get Mandy Moore's poppy look for less

### Tribune Newspapers

Those of us who can't attend the yearly ritual of New York Fashion Week can only imagine the excitement, the glamour and the grandeur.

In the front rows, musicians and Hollywood stars rubbed elbows with fashion's elite. With so many celebs, it's fun to look at all the fashion off the runways. Among the best-dressed attendees was actress and singer Mandy Moore, who sat front-row at the Lela Rose runway show in a bright, poppy short-sleeve, tulip-skirt dress and an abstract bib necklace from the designer. She carried a faint blush-colored clutch (from Westward by Emily and Meritt for Kate Spade New York) and striped strappy sandals.

Give a similar kick to your wardrobe with a dress in vibrant poppy such as the Ponte tank dress from [armani exchange.com](http://armaniexchange.com) for \$98. For a more casual look, in a similar color, try the

Rumi dress from J.Crew for \$89.99.

Moore's abstract necklace gives her soft look a bit of edge. For a similar piece try the black and silvertone bib necklace for \$19.95 from New York & Co., Statements by DCK short necklace for \$24 from [nordstrom.com](http://nordstrom.com), the Beams of Ra necklace from [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com) for \$19.95 or the Luv Rocks by Luv AJ tapered necklace available at [urbanoutfitters.com](http://urbanoutfitters.com) for \$54.

Moore's striped sandals aren't a must for this outfit but they are a fun addition to solid dresses, pants and shorts. For a similar pair try the TrouvÈ "Behave" sandal from [nordstrom.com](http://nordstrom.com) for \$72.90 or the striped journal sandal from [madewell.com](http://madewell.com) for \$69.99.

The eye-popping color, geometric jewelry and playful sandals will add some fun to any occasion. I can already envision a grand garden soiree, brunch with mimosas or a hot designer runway after-party.



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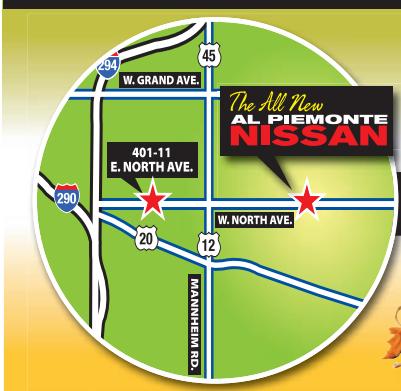
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# Pain-free bikini wax?

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## Tribune Newspapers

A couple of months ago, I was lured into a high-end salon on the promise, trumpeted in an enthusiastic news release, of a "pain-free" Brazilian bikini wax.

What that meant, I discovered upon arrival, was that I would have my choice of squeeze toys while the spirited aesthetician distracted me with fun conversation. Considering the barbarity of a Brazilian—which, for those who don't know, leaves you as bare as the day you were born—I was not reassured.

"There is no such thing as a pain-free Brazilian," the aesthetician, as friendly as advertised, confirmed as I climbed onto the table. "You are violently ripping hair out of your body."

White knuckles clutching a rubber cow in one hand and pig in the other, I endured a wax as excruciating and humiliating as ever—knee out, leg up, hold that taut, flip over—despite our lovely conversation about restaurants.

So, distractions alone do not ease waxing torture. But there are techniques and products that can make it more tolerable.

Michelle D'Allaird, a licensed aesthetician and owner of Aesthetic Science Institute in Latham, N.Y., offered these tips for mitigating the pain of a bikini wax.

- » Make sure you go to an experienced waxer who is knowledgeable about prepping the skin, pulling the wax and treating the skin post-wax.
- » Avoid getting waxed a week before and a week after your period, when you're most sensitive.
- » Hair ideally should be 1/8- to 1/4-inch long. Anything longer will be painful, shorter might not grab.
- » Take ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin; not aspirin) 30 to 60 minutes before your appointment.
- » Generally, opt for hard wax over soft wax.
- » Get waxed every four to six weeks. When it's done regularly, the hair thins and comes out easier.
- » If skin is irritated afterward, ice for three to five minutes.
- » Do not get waxed if you've been suntanning in the past three to five days or exfoliated that day. Also, taking antibiotics sensitizes the skin, so wait five to seven days after discontinuing antibiotics before getting waxed.

## Numbing creams

Among the brands of numbing creams and sprays that purport to dull the pain of waxing, BareEase and Cream is the most specifically tailored to bikini waxes.

You're supposed to apply the cream 30 to 45 minutes before your scheduled wax, then put on the latex panties and go about your business while the cream absorbs. When you arrive for your appointment, you take off the panties, wipe away excess cream and settle in for an "ouchless" wax. The numbing properties last another 30 minutes before they start to wear off.

To test the cream, I applied it to half of my bikini area.

I was lying on the waxing table 45 minutes later. First the side with the cream. Ouch. Definitely felt that. Then she went to the non-numb side. Ouch! That hurt even more.

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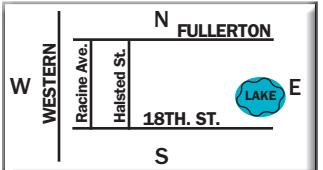
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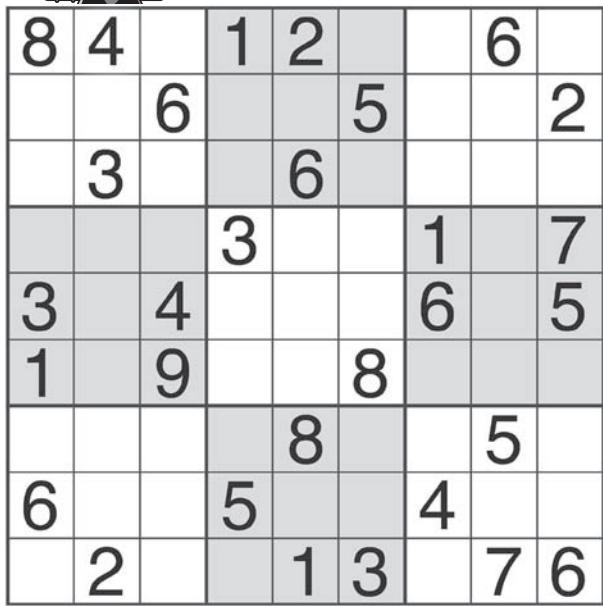
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**1926:** The Chicago Blackhawks played their first hockey game, beating the Toronto St. Patricks 4-1.

**2003:** Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as the 38th governor of California.

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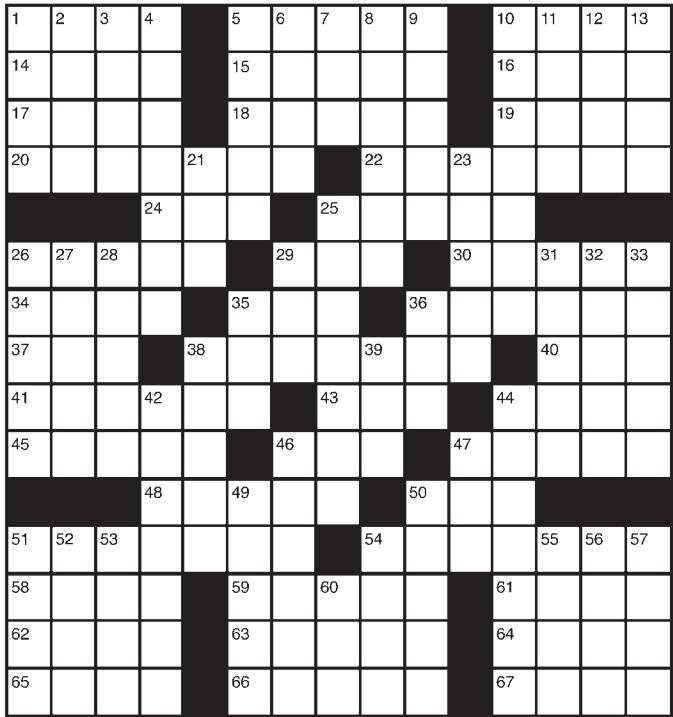
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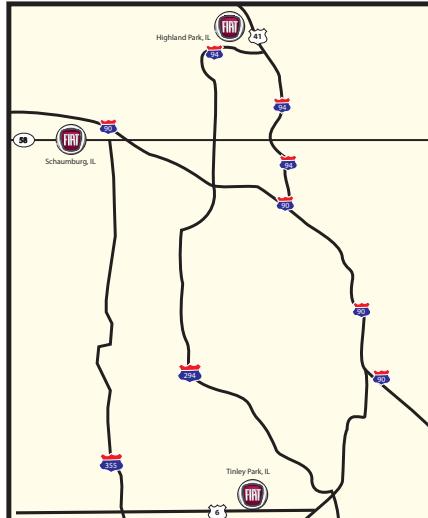


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*YES, Renee Zellweger, that IS a cellphone in my pocket. I am so not happy to see you.*

## HAVING A HOTTIE DAY

Does Bradley Cooper always look like the sexiest man alive?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the sexiest man of all? Bradley Cooper, if that mirror happens to be People magazine. The time-honored Sexiest Man Alive list was released Wednesday, with Cooper at the top of the hot-man heap. Ever humble, Cooper told the mag: "I think I'm a decent-looking guy. Sometimes I can look great, and other times I look horrifying." Horrifying, eh? RedEye set out to find evidence of those less-than-sexy moments—not that we look perfect every day.

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*Manhattan is such a rough destination for a film festival.*



*Hey guys, am I leaking? No? Good.*

*Dammit, I knew I should've hired a stylist. This thing is going straight back to Men's Wearhouse.*



*OK, just smile, no one is gonna know this isn't natural. Helloooo ladies!*



*I'm so glad I found my lucky toothpick... I knew it was somewhere in these 18 hoodies.*



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—Lea Michele, to Allure magazine, defending her vegan diet

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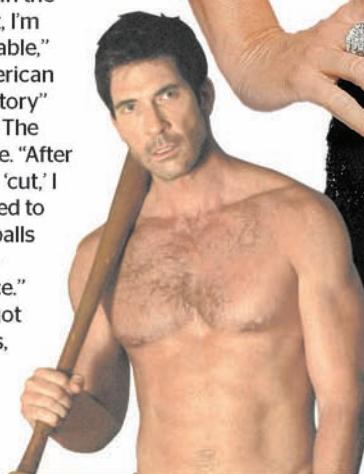
## SOFIA REDUX

What a boob. Sofia Vergara's publicist advised her to get a breast reduction, and the "Modern Family" star says she's grateful that she ignored him. "I'm a Latin woman: I'm voluptuous, I'm loud, I'm exactly what a Latin woman is," she says in the December issue of Health magazine. We hear ya, Sofia!

### He's so modest

Dylan McDermott (below) doesn't mind stripping down for a nude scene—to a point. "When I'm in the role, in the moment, I'm comfortable," the "American Horror Story" star told The Advocate. "After they yell 'cut,' I don't need to put my balls in someone's face." So he's got manners, which is nice.

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## THE DIGITS



142,993

That's how many times a video posted by 26-year-old Lindsey Miller, asking Joseph Gordon-Levitt out for coffee, had been viewed through Wednesday evening on YouTube. Miller, who has cancer, says Levitt would understand her situation because he starred in the cancer-themed film "50/50."



460 LBS.

That's how much Fat Joe weighed at his heaviest, the rapper told CNN. He estimates he's down about 100 pounds since then.

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The Situation's not done with Abercrombie & Fitch. The "Jersey Shore" star has filed a \$4 million lawsuit claiming the retailer tried to capitalize on his fame when it publicly offered to pay him NOT to wear its clothes, [eonline.com](http://eonline.com) reports. Good thing we don't have to wrap our heads around that one in court.

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